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Council Present: Mayor Laurence Cherchi, Councilwoman Dwarica, Councilwoman Heveran, Councilman LaBianco, Councilwoman Mitrani, Councilman Puzzo, Council President Ryan,

Also Present: *Fran Lehmann, Borough Clerk, David Russo, Borough Attorney*

Mayor Laurence Cherchi called the meeting to order.

Mayor Laurence Cherchi asked everyone to stand while Council President Ryan led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPEN MEETING STATEMENT

Conditions of the Open Meeting Act have been met by Notice placed on the Bulletin Board at Borough Hall and notices sent to the Official Newspaper.

Councilman Puzzo asked for a moment of silence for Frank Montmeat former Councilman and Tax Assessor for the Borough of Leonia. Mayor Cherchi asked for a moment of silence for the father of Robert Moran, Fire Marshall.

APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Cherchi asked for a motion to appoint Nina Gaetjens as a Class C member to the Historic Preservation Commission to fill an unexpired term.

Mayor Cherchi appointed Jane Tappen, as Community Development Representative

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC

Danielle Competiello 119 Vreeland Avenue. There is a tow truck that is continuously parked on the street. The owner of the truck does not live in town and has received numerous summonses. The tow truck is now parking on another street after the owner was spoken to by a police officer. There are a number of out of state tags being parked in front of her house. The parking ordinance is not being enforced.

Michael Bailey 121 Vreeland Avenue. There is not enough police presence, codes are not being enforced, work is being done without permits.

46 Mark Macri, Esq.- representing a client that is interested in purchasing a piece of property
47 in Leonia off of Jones Road. The Borough Administrator explained that a letter was sent
48 requesting what the property was going to be used for. We are looking for “plot map” so
49 that we see what is going to be done.

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51 Jason Psillakis 100 Reldyes Avenue. The street is crumbling; there are large potholes
52 between Charles and Richmond. Would like to know what is going to be done. Mayor
53 Cherchi said he will have the Borough Administrator contact the Borough Engineer and
54 obtain a quote as to the cost of fixing the area.

55 56 57 **RESOLUTIONS**

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59 A motion was made by Councilwoman Dwarica to approve Resolution 05-142 through
60 05-144, 05 -146 through 05-153, seconded by Councilman Puzzo.

61 Roll call vote: Councilpersons Dwarica, Heveran, Mitrani, Ryan, Puzzo voted yes,
62 Councilman LaBianco voted no. Resolutions approved.

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64 Councilman Puzzo asked about the system being purchased by the Fire Department.

65 Councilman Ryan asked Chief Dunn to explain the system.

66 A motion was made by Councilwoman Heveran to approve Resolution 05-145, seconded
67 by Councilwoman Mitrani. Roll call vote: Councilperson Dwarica, Heveran, LaBianco,
68 Mitrani, Ryan and Puzzo voted yes. Resolution approved.

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70 Councilman Ryan asked for an explanation of Resolution 05-147. The Borough
71 Administrator explained.

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73 Councilman LaBianco questioned the Snow Plowing Agreement with the County.
74 The Borough Administrator explained it is an Interlocal Agreement. It is done on a yearly
75 basis.

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77 A motion was made by Councilman Puzzo to approve Resolution 0-154 seconded by
78 Councilwoman Dwarica. Roll call vote: Councilpersons Dwarica, Heveran, Mitrani,
79 Puzzo voted yes. Councilmen LaBianco and Ryan voted no. Resolution 05-154 approved.

80 81 **ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE**

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83 Adoption of Ordinance 10-05 entitled:

84 **ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE SALARY**
85 **ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LEONIA TO ADD THE**
86 **POSITIONS OF OFFICE MANAGER TO RECREATION AND**
87 **SEASONAL BOOKKEEPER TO THE LEONIA SWIM POOL**
88 **(Public Hearing)**

89 **Borough Clerk Read the Title**
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No public spoke.

A motion was made by Councilperson Dwarica seconded by Councilperson Puzzo to Adopt on Final Reading Ordinance 10-05.

Roll call vote: Councilperson Dwarica, Heveran, LaBianco, Mitrani Ryan, Puzzo, voted yes. Ordinance 10-05 adopted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Budget Dates The Borough Administrator would like to know if anyone is going to vote no on the budget. If they are, please notify her so that she can be prepared to have the necessary Emergency Appropriation and Tax Anticipation Note in place for the next meeting.

Siren Tower/Cellular Antenna Proposals – Held until June 13, 2005.

Wood Park Handball Court & Recreation Stairs Councilwoman Heveran - The Hand Ball Court is caving in, and there are chunks of cement all over. Councilwoman Heveran noted that there is a letter from the engineer, and he has stated in his letter that he will have plans very soon. Both Councilwoman Heveran and Councilman Puzzo would like to have the Handball Court repaired by the time the Summer Program opens for Recreation. The Borough Administrator reported that she is waiting for the plans today and has a list of contractors that she will forward them to.

Sidewalk Sale The Borough Administrator explained that the Borough Ordinance requires liability insurance.

Rescue Truck Mayor Cherchi reported that a Consultant has reported that the Borough should not refurbish a truck that is 25 years old. Councilman Puzzo requested a resolution for the meeting of June 20th.

Councilman Puzzo asked the status of Leonia Avenue. Mayor Cherchi reported that they are laying out the road and correcting the pitch of the road. Everything appears to be on schedule.

NEW BUSINESS

Sylvan Park – Project Engineer - Councilman Puzzo reported the Recreation Commission has requested to have CG continue as the Engineer on the project. Councilman Puzzo made a motion that for the Sylvan Park Project, the Council reconsiders utilizing the old engineer. As it is multi-year project, and the former engineer has been on the project since the beginning. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Heveran. Roll call vote Councilperson Dwarica, Heveran, LaBianco, Mitrani, and Puzzo voted yes; Councilman Ryan voted no. Motion carried. Councilman Puzzo explained the project is still to be completed. Councilman Puzzo explained that the

Recreation Commission would like to maintain the current engineer who is familiar with the project. A discussion was held regarding which engineering firm to use. Councilman Puzzo made a motion to keep the existing engineer when the bids come in and not switch to the current engineer, seconded by Councilwoman Heveran. Roll call vote; Councilpersons Heveran, LaBianco and Puzzo voted yes, Councilpersons Dwarica, Mitrani and Ryan voted no. Mayor Cherchi voted no, breaking the tie, motion failed.

Recreation – Sylvan Park Advertising Pennants –A discussion was held regarding the types of signs that would be permitted; the size of the pennants, and what would be permitted to go up on the poles. It was decided hold approval until June 13, 2005.

CORRESPONDENCE

Councilwoman Heveran brought forth the letter from Sergeant Carlson regarding the retirement of Lillian Walsh. Councilwoman Heveran would like to know what was going to be done for Ms. Walsh. The Borough Administrator said a plaque or a proclamation could be prepared and presented at the meeting of June 20.

Councilwoman Heveran read a letter from a resident regarding the gate at the Cemetery. If it was in the Borough's easement on Fairway Drive. The Borough Administrator will report on this at the next meeting.

Councilman LaBianco made a motion to discuss the letter from Mitzner and Mitzner, seconded by Councilman Puzzo. Roll call vote; Councilpersons Heveran, LaBianco and Puzzo voted yes; Councilpersons Dwarica, Mitrani and Ryan voted no. The vote resulted in a tie Mayor Cherchi voted no, motion failed.

A discussion was held between Mayor Cherchi and Councilwoman Heveran regarding: Council requests of the Borough Attorney.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Gill Hawkins 123 Knapp Terrace – Can we treat the corners of Hillside Avenue and Broad Avenue as we treat Broad and Fort Lee Road? Can we put a delay on the traffic light so all the children may cross at the same time? Mayor Cherchi stated that we would need to ask an opinion of the Traffic Officer.

Danielle Competiello 119 Vreeland Avenue asked about the 2nd part of the Downtown Program. Councilwoman Mitrani referred the question to the Borough Administrator. The Borough Administrator explained where we are with the program.

Michael Bailey 121 Vreeland expressed his disappointment at the behavior of the Governing Body this evening

Mr. Ponella - 220 Overlook Avenue questioned the increase in property taxes. Mayor Cherchi answered his question.

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CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Councilperson Mitrani to go into closed session seconded by Councilperson Ryan. All in favor
Police Department promotions, grievance and Pay-to-Play

There being no further business a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 10:06pm, by Councilperson Heveran, seconded by Councilperson Ryan. All in favor, none opposed meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Fran Lehmann
Borough Clerk